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PM VISIT TO ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently visited the Tsunami affected Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, whether he expressed his unhappiness on the progress of reconstruction work for the tsunami victims;

(c) if so, the details of complaints received during his visit;

(d) the action so far taken on such complaints; and

(e) the steps taken to speed up the reconstruction work in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a):Yes,Sir.

(b) to (d): The Prime Minister expressed his satisfaction that intermediate shelters for the people rendered homeless by the Tsunami were build in time; other relief such as provision of payment of cash ex-gratia, free ration, compensation for losses and grants for repair of boats were provided and that immediate restoration of road and sea communication was also achieved. However, the Prime Minister observed that further action needs to be taken on many fronts so that the people`s livelihood is completely restored. He also received representations/memoranda during his visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands which have been forwarded to the concerned Department/Ministry for taking further appropriate action.

(e): In order to speed up reconstruction work in Andaman and Nocobar Islands, Tsunami Reconstruction Package (TRP) has been approved by the Government which includes permanent housing, fisheries and livelihood, agriculture, ports and jetties, power, drinking water supply and sewerage, social infrastructure and welfare, environment and coastal protection and promotion of tourism.